

# Grid Season Opens on Crisp Note

## As Local Preps Drill Twice Daily

### Gaunter Introduces New Staff, System at Bishop Montgomery

Athletic Director and head football coach George Gaunter greeted an enthusiastic turnout of some 35 "early bird" varsity football candidates, including the school's first crop of senior athletes this week, as Bishop Montgomery High sounded the call for the start of 1960 head-knocking sessions.

Gaunter — who'll also be head baseball coach — comes to the three year old Catholic school, located on the west Torrance boundary line on Torrance Blvd., with nine years of experience and a flock of coaching championships.

He heads an entirely new coaching staff and succeeds Tom Robinson at the Athletic Director post, and Jim Fohey as football boss.

Gaunter said that his current crop of 35 candidates reported primarily through an unofficial "word-of-the-mouth" call. He issued an official call for sophomores, juniors and seniors yesterday, when school doors opened on a full time basis.

Of the 35, 19 are seniors as school officials anxiously await their first "big test" season after suffering the growing pains of three years of fundamental groundwork.

Last year Montgomery — under Fohey's single-wing and T-formation slants — worked its way to a 2-7 season record and a 1-4 mark in the Camino Real League.

Gaunter said his team will run the split-T and will workout daily up to the season-opener at home against Loyola High on Friday, Sept. 23.

Four of the Knights' nine games will be home affairs.

Gaunter is straight from a nine year stay at St. John's High School in Benton, Michigan.

There, his grid teams finished runner-up three times, while his basketball and baseball teams each won two conference championships.

From 1954 to '58 St. John's

last three years. Bishop Montgomery copped the Camino Real League baseball crown last season.

Gaunter comes as a noted stickler for defense and his record speaks for itself.

He was a graduate of the same St. John's High, and spent four years as a Marine during World War II, serving in the South Pacific and China. He is married, has four children.

Other members of the coaching staff include varsity line coach Norman Fruyza, back coach John Revelles, and Bee coaches James Horan and Cornelius Short.

Schedule

\*Sept. 23 — Loyola High  
\*Oct. 1 — Lutheran High  
\*Oct. 8 — At Chaminade  
\*Oct. 15 — At Vista High  
\*Oct. 21 — St. Bernard's  
\*Oct. 28 — St. John's  
\*Nov. 4 — At St. Monica's  
\*Nov. 11 — At Germany  
\*Nov. 18 — At Mary Star  
\*Denotes non-league game.



GEORGE GAUNTER  
New Head Coach

won five district basketball crowns. In '56 they went through an undefeated season with no players on the first team taller than six feet.

In baseball, his teams lost only four games in the

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### Playoff Forced for Industrial League Softball Championship

A playoff for the Industrial League softball championship was forced this week when the South Bay Church of God upset favored Independent Builders, 1-0, for the second round title at Torrance Park.

Frank Christie scored all the way from first base with two out in the first inning on a stolen base and an error to force the "do-or-die" clash between the respective first and second round winners.

The evenly matched pair will collide tomorrow evening at 7:30 at Torrance Park for the city's title to softball supremacy.

Dueling pitchers Jim Reynolds of the church nine and Andy Johnson of Independent Builders will again match their trusty arms in one of their patented hookups.

Reynolds fanned eight batters in the 1-0 game, while Johnson got 10 to bite the dust in a losing effort. Both were tapped for three hits. Both

teams had 8-1 records in each round of league play.

Ted Natividad went 2-3 for the losers.

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Reynolds and Christie; Johnson and Davies.

### Sea-Aire Golf Winners Listed

Lloyd Lessor, Billy Gunn, and Barry Schumacher won age-division titles in the annual summer tournament of the Sea-Aire Teen-age Golf Club. Lloyd Lessor is 1960 club champion.

Placing behind Lessor in the 14 years and older class were Mike Miller, Gary Donovan, Dave Sears and Jerry Irwin.

Trailing Gunn in the 12-13 years bracket were Tommy Koilek, Fred Meyersand, Dennis Meyer, and Steve Miller.

Runners-up in the 11 years and under group were Gary Berry, Randy Weston, Billy Lydon, and Larry Berry.

The club is an activity of the Torrance Recreation Dept. and is advised by Bob Sachs.

### Ram Offense Rolling In High Gear

The Rams' vaunted offensive weapons shifted into high gear last Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys and, as a result, there are several new leaders in individual statistical departments.

All-Pro end Del Shofner caught five passes for 119 yards Sunday and regained his customary No. 1 position among Ram receivers with total yardage of 216 and 14 receptions. Close behind Shofner is last week's yardage leader Clendon Thomas, who caught four Sunday for a total of 81 to advance his season figures to 10 receptions and 186 yards.

Bill Wade out-passed and passed Buddy Humphrey in passing percentage by completing 10 to 18 against Dallas. Wade now totals 23 completions in 40 attempts for a 57.5 percentage. He still trails Humphrey in total yardage with 366 yards to Buddy's 375. However, Humphrey has attempted 22 more passes than Wade.

Brightest of all Ram figures continues to be the brilliant defense against rushing. By holding Dallas to 72 net yards on the ground, the Rams cut their average to 81.2 per game.

### Lakers, Hawkins Come to Terms

The Los Angeles Lakers have signed their number one draft choice of a year ago, Tom Hawkins, ex-Notre Dame All-American to a contract for 1960-61. The 6'5" 210 pounder broke into the NBA last year with a bang, being one of only two rookies to stick with the Laker squad through the season.

### 10 GAME SCHEDULE

Pepperdine will play a 10-game schedule this year, including four home contests at Sentinel Field in Inglewood. Pepperdine opens its 1960 season Saturday night, Sept. 17, at Chico State. First home encounter for the Peps will be October 1 against Los Angeles State.

### 150 Report for Varsity Elevens

By BILL SCHIPPER  
Herald Sports Editor

Sun tan oil and easy living took a back seat to rubbing liniment and hard knocks for football players in this city this week as coaches at North, South and Torrance high schools beat the drums for the start of the 1960 fall workouts. All told, about 150 prep gridders are reporting to two-a-day practice sessions and will continue to do so until classroom doors open up next Wednesday.

Surprisingly, the biggest turnout of varsity prospects was reported at the city's oldest — but smallest — institution, Torrance High, where Coach Irwin Kasten received 53 players. However, only six are returning letter winners, and of these, only two are in the line, End Cliff Weimer and Center Tommy Holdsworth.

Kasten seemingly has more quarterbacks than blockers, what with lettermen Howard Taylor and Don Dobrick returning to call the signals.



BOB WEHRHAN  
South's Backfield Bulwark

last season.

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SOUTH was probably hardest hit by graduation, losing 20 lettermen.

All three high schools will face their first 1960 tests on Sept. 23. North hosts Warren of Downey, South meets Dominguez of Compton at Torrance Stadium and the Tartars travel to Seahawk for their traditional with Redondo.

HE COULD BE a first stringer, too, after showing his gummy stuff on a championship Bee eleven last fall.

Both North and Torrance won B titles from the Bay and Pioneer Leagues, respectively.

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BIG CATCH . . . Fishermen on the Sacramento barge gave Al Lientz and Eddie Duran a hand when they hooked a blue shark last Sunday. It took a heavy line, a gaff and five rifle shots to land the 350-pound eight



foot killer who had been feeding on bonito off the Redondo Beach shore for two weeks.

(Photos by Micki Barnhurst)

### L.A. Baseball Fans Get Preview Showing Of Dodgers' Stadium

Los Angeles baseball fans can get a preview Monday morning and throughout the week of the new 56,000-seat Dodger Stadium. A scale model of Walter F. O'Malley's future home for his World Champions will go on display in the lobby of the main office of the Bank of America, 860 South Spring Street, when banking hours begin.

The model, created under the direction of Mervyn LeRoy and presented by him to O'Malley, will be exhibited for the purpose of acquainting Dodger fans with the conveniences, comforts and beauty of their new Stadium in Chavez Ravine.

### AT TORRANCE PARK

### City Slo-Pitch Playoff Schedule Set This Week

Four league champions will begin playoffs for the Torrance slo-pitch softball crown this week with games set for Torrance Park on Monday and Thursday.

The Torrance Elks (Service League), Just For Fun (Red League) Tappa Keggas (Blue League) and Carbide Chemical (Industrial League) will hook-up in "do-or-die" eliminations.

The Tappa Keggas took the city crown last year, as well as the Southern California title. Sporting a 26-1 season record,

ord, the Keggas will go against Carbide Chemical tomorrow at 8:30, following the Elks-JFF hook-up at 7:30.

The resulting winners will play for the crown Thursday at 8:30, following a match between the two losers for third place.

### Yellowtail Derby

SAN DIEGO—With the curtain scheduled to drop on the third and final qualifying period of the \$25,000 San Diego

### FOUR MILLION FISH 'PLANTED' FROM AIRPLANES

Planting of fingerling trout by airplane in California's high mountain lakes has been concluded for the year, according to the DFG.

Four million, 200,101 fish were planted this year. This is a decrease of more than two million from 1959.

By far the largest proportion of the plantings this year were rainbows — 2,751,950. Brown trout formed the smallest total — 144,720.

Over a half million Eastern Brook trout were planted by air and nearly 300,000 Kokanee and slightly over 300,000 Goldenes.

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